

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 10, 1903, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. April 10, (1903.) My dear Sandisan:

Enclosed I send you a cutting from the Star that may interest you. If you can won't you telegraph congratulations to Charlie? It means almost as much to him as it would to you to see your giant kite flying in solid metal construction.

He has carried a great load of anxiety all winter, having gained an inkling in November of the project to start a new trust company, which by it's nature and immense backing could not fail to be a competitor in business with the Am. Security. With this new Trust Co. the life of the Am. Security would be a constant struggle for existence, with it joined to the Am. Security the Co. becomes the largest South of New York. It is an immense testimony to the cleverness, business ability and the esteem in which Charlie is held that he should have succeeded in winning over these great financial interests and I think it would gratify Charlie to be made to feel your sympathy.

Your father continues to improve. I think he really is much better and brighter mentally than he has been for a long time and that Dr. Sowers is doing very well by him. But he evidently was more run down than we realized for he is weak and Dr. Sowers does not want him to go out driving before Monday. But he is gradually sitting up longer and enjoying his cigar more. Laurie was in today, and Bert and Elsie and Mr. Hitz, so he has not wanted for company and I am up there 2 a good deal.

Mrs. Bell has met with a misfortune, having broken her front tooth and the gap in her plate doesn't improve her beauty. I sent her out in the carriage to find a dentist, but she does not seem to have succeeded. Instead she went to a hat store and while selecting new ribbons

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discussed the relative prices of various dentists with the woman. I told her that I thought it would be better to take some one that we recommended, but she is scared about prices, she thinks the good ones charge what is little less than robbery.

I don't know anything else to say. It is lovely here, pleasant and yet not too warm. It gets lonelier than ever without my big clumsy heavy bear of a husband. I want him back again.

Ever yours. James Smithson appeared in yesterday's Evening Star quoted from Phila. Ledger.